farms and the log houses replaced with more preten-
tious ones, and with prosperity came schools, churches
and a better civilization. They cleared their farm,
built farm-houses and barns, reared a family of chil-
dren, and passed away mourned and regretted by those
who knew them best. Mr. Loomis was for many years in
the militia service, and was a lieutenant both in
Connecticut and in Wayne County. He was a Democrat,
but not an active politician. Mr. Loomis died No-
vember 10, 1849; his wife, August 4, 1866. To them
were born children as follows: Erastus W., Oliver H.,
born in 1812, February 20; Daniel D., born November
27, 1814; Reuben F., born June 18, 1817; Hiram P.,
born December 9, 1819; Marietta, born January 2,
1821, and Lucretia J., born December 25, 1823. Hiram
P. married, May 20, 1846, Laura Griswold, who was
born July 7, 1826. Their children are Theron O.,
born February 25, 1848; Oliver G., born August 16,
1857, died April 21, 1851; Helen A., born February
21, 1860, died November 17, 1860; and Francis E.,
born December 17, 1862. Erastus W., the subject of
this sketch, was born in Torrington, Conn., April 9,
1810. Until seventeen years of age he remained with
his father, laboring as soon as old enough for the
common good. He then went to live with Francis
Griswold, with whom he remained, working by the
year, until he was thirty-one years old. Part of
the time he received ten dollars per month, and
paid his wages until he was of age to his father.
On the 20th day of May, 1841, he led to the altar
Miss Mehitabel Muzzey, who was born February 22,
1819, and was daughter of Pliny and Mary (Draper)
Muzzey. They were Massachusetts people and from a
prominent family. They moved into Wayne County about
1825, and bought the farm now owned by Hiram Loomis.
In August, 1841, Mr. Loomis bought of W. W. Norton
the farm now owned by William Rood, and the newly-
married couple commenced life thereon. It was in a
bad condition, and Mr. Loomis at once commenced the
work of improvement. The house and barns were re-